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AT SIXTH SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE

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1. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WHO IS ON A BRIEF HOLIDAY HAS
ASKED US TO SEEK YOUR VIEWS ON HIS SENDING AGUILAR (AND
PERHAPS PRESIDENT PEREZ) A PERSONAL MESSAGE ABOUT
AGUILAR'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE II DURING THE SIXTH
SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. IN SUCH A MES-
SAGE (OR MESSAGES) AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WOULD EXPRESS
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APPRECIATION FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH AGUILAR HANDLED COM-
MITTEE II ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE US. HIS PURPOSE IN
WRITING AGUILAR, AND PERHAPS THE PRESIDENT, WOULD BE TO
MAKE A FURTHER GESTURE TOWARD AGUILAR TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO
COOPERATE WITH US AND TO BE SENSITIVE TO OUR MAJOR CONCERNS
NOT ONLY IN COMMITTEE II BUT ALSO ON DEEP SEABED MINING
ISSUES. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROS

AND CONS IN AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S SENDING SUCH MESSAGES. PRO - THE GESTURE WOULD, WE ASSUME, BE APPRECIATED AS A SPECIAL COURTESY TOWARD A KEY FIGURE IN THE CONFERENCE. IT WOULD SHOW OUR APPRECIATION OF THE SENSITIVITY TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND THE NEED FOR OPEN CONSIDERATION OF

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO COMMITTEE II ISSUES WHICH AGUILAR ENCOURAGED, IN CONTRAST TO THE DISREGARD FOR DUE PROCESS SHOWN BY PAUL ENGO, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I. A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE INTEREST HE SHOWED IN LOS DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. CON - AFTER AGUILAR'S EL NACIONAL INTERVIEW OF JULY 24 REPORTED IN YOUR 7417 IN WHICH HE DEFENDED THE PROCESS WHICH PRODUCED THE SEABEDS TEXT OF THE ICNT, A PERSONAL MESSAGE WHICH DID NOT ENGAGE HIM IN A CONTROVERSIAL DISCUSSION OF THAT PROCESS COULD BE MISCONSTRUED AS INDICATING A WEAKENING OF OUR FIRM STAND ON THE SEABEDS TEXT. SINCE WE ARE JUST STARTING THE SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL REVIEW FOR THE PRESIDENT, IT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO COMMUNICATE WITH AGUILAR AFTER THE REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WE SEE MORE CLEARLY WHAT OUR POSITION TOWARD THE CONFERENCE WILL BE. FURTHER, DESPITE THE COUNSELS OF MODERATION WHICH WE ASSUME PRESIDENT PEREZ URGED ON HIM, AGUILAR COULD NOT BE DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN OVERLY HELPFUL TO US. OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING, HE WAS CORRECT IN ALL HIS DEALINGS WITH US. HE STUCK TO THE COMPROMISE FORMULATIONS ON THE LEGAL SECRET

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STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE WORKED OUT IN THE CASTENADA GROUP AFTER THEY HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STATES IN THE FULL COMMITTEE, AND PRESENTED THOSE FORMULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR INCLUSION IN THE ICNT. AGUILAR WAS, HOWEVER, MUCH MORE INCLINED TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE OPPOSED TO OUR VIEWS AND HIS PROCEDURES THOUGH CORRECT ON THE SURFACE, WERE SO TILTED. WE BELIEVE WE SUCCEEDED MORE THROUGH A SHOW OF FORCE IN COMMITTEE THAN THROUGH ANY SPECIAL HELP FROM AGUILAR.

2. ON A RELATED MATTER, AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HAS BEEN INVITED BY RODOLFO SCHMIDT, WASHINGTON-BASED CORRESPONDENT OF EL NACIONAL, TO WRITE A 1,500 WORD ARTICLE ON THE US POSITION ON LOS FOR THAT PAPER WHICH WOULD BE SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON. SCHMIDT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ARTICLE WITHIN THE NEXT 15 DAYS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO LEND HIS NAME TO SUCH AN ARTICLE AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER DOING SO MIGHT COMPLICATE AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S RELATIONS WITH AGUILAR.

3. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WISHED US TO STATE THAT HE HAS

READ WITH INTEREST YOUR CABLES UNDER REFERENCE AND TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THIS TIMELY REPORTING AND COMMENT ON LOS. HE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED YOUR ASSISTANCE DURING THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF PRESIDENT PEREZ AND YOUR READINESS TO MAKE FOLLOW-UP REPRESENTATIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR PRESIDENT.

4. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 8 AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF HE COULD HAVE BY THAT DATE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR VIEWS ON MESSAGES TO AGUILAR AND POSSIBLY PEREZ, AS WELL AS HIS WRITING AN ARTICLE FOR EL NACIONAL. CHRISTOPHER

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